

# RELS 326: RELIGION AND POLITICS IN MUSLIM SOCIETIES

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**The interaction of religion and politics has become a global phenomenon of the modern time. Studying the nature of this interaction raises fundamental questions of “why” and “how” this is happening. This course explores the interaction of religion and politics in Muslim Societies. The objective of this course is to examine these questions and situate the debates in their relevant historical backgrounds. By the end of the course, students should have acquired appropriate knowledge to be able to recognize “the variability of the politics of religion” in order to “critically” analyse cases and everyday events related to religion and politics in an informed and educated manner. Case studies span from the Far East to Latin America and Muslim minorities in Europe.**

## Course Breakdown

Weekly class presentation by assigned student(s); weekly submission of a short assignment on the On-Q; two quizzes; and a final essay.

Time Commitment per Week

**8-10  
hours**

Required Textbook/Materials

**Yes**

Prerequisite

**Level 3**